

TOWN OF GRANBY 2012 CALENDAR

2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT





TOWN OF GRANBY Incorporated 1786

15 NORTH GRANBY ROAD GRANBY, CONNECTICUT 06035-2125 (860) 844-5300

WILLIAM F. SMITH, JR.

Dear Residents,

The cover of this year's Annual Report and Calendar is a picture of Connecticut's DEMOCRACY CUP. As this year's recipient, all Granby residents deserve a great deal of credit and should be very proud. This well deserved trophy represents hard work and a commitment to the town's participation in Connecticut's 2010 Statewide Election.

Since 2000, the three-foot trophy has been awarded to community towns with the highest voter turn out. Granby's ranking among other mid-size towns in the election represented a record 72.08% of eligible voters. Statewide the overall turnout was 57.46%. In being honored with this trophy, I kept thinking of how our town conducts its business. Perhaps somehow, electing our representatives reaches deep into the way we do business as a town. Being honored with the DEMOCRACY CUP also sends a broader message. This message is one to be shared with its younger residents – who will someday vote.

While we may not be able to retain the cup again next year, having earned it sends a signal to those who voted as well as to all those volunteers who support our town by "giving back" to our community. It also reflects on the accomplishments of those who work in the voting process. These include our Registrars of Voters and Town Clerk, as well as those who serve as checkers at the polling places. But most importantly, it credits the voters themselves who brought this CUP to Granby.

As you look through this year's Annual Report and 2012 Calendar, I hope you find that Granby's departmental activities last year lived up to many of your expectations.

Very truly yours,

William F. Smith, Jr. Town Manager



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Dear Neighbors,

This past October Granby celebrated our 225th birthday. Celebrate Granby 225 was an unequivocal success. The day started with a grand parade from the Granby Memorial High School to Salmon Brook Park. Music, merchant booths, and an amusement park awaited us at the park. Many local and state leaders, including U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and Congressman John Larson, joined us. The day's events were capped off with a fireworks display, the likes of which have never been seen before in Granby.

Thousands of planning hours went into making the event a success. Co-Chairmen Ned Allen and Deborah Kulwich led the steering committee. Every detail including fundraising, parade details, merchandise, transportation, and security were planned and vetted to insure that your day would be safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. The committees worked closely with many of our town departments including Public Safety, Public Works, Recreational Services, and the Town Manager's Office. We are especially thankful to Kay Woodford for coordinating the administrative planning details for the event. When you see a member of the 225 Granby Committee, please thank them for all of their efforts.

Even with the best planning, the event would not have been possible without many individuals and businesses donating thousands of dollars. Three businesses in particular were extremely generous. They are Windsor Federal Savings Bank (Super Platinum Fireworks Sponsor), Simsbury Bank (Platinum Transportation Sponsor), and Command Electronic Security and Surveillance (Platinum Safety Sponsor). The Granby Chamber of Commerce, including dozens of businesses, contributed to this successful event. Their names may be viewed on the Granby 225 website.

When you need to purchase goods or services, please consider one of the sponsors that made Granby 225 possible. These local businesses give back to our community time and time again. For these businesses to be so generous, they need your patronage to survive and prosper. Buying local saves you time and money and is good for our local economy.

Thank you to everyone that made Celebrate Granby 225 a success. And thank you for the honor of being your First Selectman for another two years.

Respectfully submitted,

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John E. Adams First Selectman

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day	SR MFC New Year's Day observed	P&R GPC BOS	вое	сс		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	COA GDC GLB	P&Z	YSBAB IWWC AC		Early Release K-12	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SR MFC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	ZBA BOS Early Release 9-12	BOE Early Release 9-12	CC Early Release 9-12		
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TOWN CLERK

Mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes and the Granby Charter, the Town Clerk is responsible for the following services: Recorder of Deeds, Administrator of Elections, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Custodian of Public Records, Agent for State License, and Clerk-Town Meetings.

Fees collected and paid to Revenue Collector	\$295,208
Land Records	\$77,026
Conveyance Tax	\$80,602
PA-02-229	\$85,176
Historic Preservation	\$2,366 (Town)
	\$4,732 (State)
Documents Recorded	2,366
Transfers Recorded	236
Maps Filed	25
Vital Statistics	\$10,466
State Surcharge	\$532
(28 Surcharges collected	l from
Marriage Licenses)	
Maps (filing fee)	\$330
Copies (Land Records & m	
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$835
Burn Permits Issued	\$850

Hunting & Fishing Licenses
Town fees collected - \$259
State fees collected - \$10,351
Licenses issued by Town Clerk - 419
Misc. Combos issued - 266
Handicapped license - 5
Lifetime licenses issued - 118
Deer tags issued - 12
Pheasant tags issued - 11
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued - 3
HIP Permits Issued - 4

Dog Licenses - 1,174 issued
Town fees collected - \$1,174
State fees collected - \$9,880
(62 Surcharges)
Kennel licenses issued - 13
Fidelco Dogs licensed - 8
Transfers - 1 Replacement tags - 4
Late fee's collected - \$343

Voters sworn in by Town Clerk - 155 Absentee Ballots Issued - 390

ELECTIONS

11/02/2010 - State Election Electors qualified to vote - 7,100 Electors checked as voting - 5,188

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

02/07/2011 - Special Town Meeting To Consider A RESOLUTION to Approve the acceptance of Powder Mill Road as a town road. RESOLUTION Approved

04/25/2011 - Annual Town Meeting for Budget Approval. Yes Vote - 232 No Vote - 41 Minimum 2/3 requirement was met. Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was approved.

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2011)

	<u>Granby</u>	Out-of-Town	<u>Total</u>
Births	0	81	81
Deaths	57	44	101
Marriages	28	24	52

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and spring election conferences were attended to keep updated on new developments in the election laws. Subject matter covered included absentee ballot application and procedure, along with military and overseas balloting, campaign finance procedure, and procedures to be followed for local referendum. State Statutes and Public Acts are constantly changing and amending the laws and it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

The Town Clerk previously attained the Connecticut State Certification and has recently obtained the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks by attending classes at the New England Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy. Both Assistant Town Clerks are currently attending classes to attain the Connecticut State Certification.

Continuation of courses in governmental relations, government finance, parliamentary procedure, professional development, written communications, personnel management, public speaking, and computer courses assist to maintain a professional level of management.

A Historic Preservation grant was applied for and received in the amount of \$3,000. This will be used to complete the back-file conversion of land record indices that was started in 2005. This will give images merged with indices as far back as July 30, 1984. The land record computer search station is available for public use in the Town Clerks office.

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lincoln's Birthday	COA GDC GLB	P&Z St. Valentine's Day	BOE	сс		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	SR MFC Presidents' Day	SR ZBA BOS	Ash Wednesday Washington's Birthday			
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

The last annual report contrasted the establishment of the Police Department in 1959 with its current size and structure. This year, new markings were displayed on our cruisers giving a higher visibility and increased safety for personnel, as well as a profile unique among police departments in the area.

Members of the Department attended training sessions to expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the different facets of their jobs. Additionally, personnel went to training to meet mandatory requirements set by the state in areas such as use of force, DUI enforcement, Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation, Records Retention, and use of Statewide Criminal Justice Databases.

In part due to the severity of several crashes during the year the Department sought and obtained funding to procure two new assets for speed enforcement. Both are traffic trailers used to alert operators to their speed on our roadways while also collecting data for later analysis on driving habits through such parameters as traffic volume, direction of traffic, time of day, and day of week, all of which allows for a better allocation of Patrol resources to what is one the most frequent complaints received by the Department.

I am pleased to report that the dedication and professionalism of the Department's sworn and civilian staff rose to meet the difficult challenges presented by the arrest of the Captain. Department personnel cooperated fully with investigators from

various state agencies, with the media, and most importantly with members of our community who were looking for information. Those investigations revealed that there was no knowledge of the Captain's illicit conduct by the Department, auditors cited the thorough background investigation, psychological and polygraph testing, which did not show any indicia of the behavior and none of the Department's computer network was contaminated through the activities.

The Granby's Department of Police Services continues to be an active participant in the regional police coalition known as the North Central Municipal Emergency Services Team. This collaborative is comprised of the police departments from the Towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. The result is a cadre of personnel trained in special areas of expertise that are available to respond as necessary, the areas are: SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, Dive Rescue and Recovery, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction. Additionally, the Department maintains a strong collaboration with the Lost Acres Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, and the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide the highest level of service during a major incident affecting the town.

As always the Department of Police Services is ready, capable, and willing to respond to the needs and requests for service from our community on a 24 hour, 7 days a week basis.

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have adverse impacts to wetlands or watercourses. Generally, the Commission reviews activities within wetlands and watercourses and activities within 100-feet of wetlands and 200-feet from watercourses.

The Commission is a seven-member board. Membership on the Commission did not change during fiscal year 2010-2011.

David Tolli continues to effectively guide the Commission in his role as Chairman. During this fiscal year the town once again contracted with the North Central Conservation District, Inc. to provide the services of a consulting Wetland Agent. This arrangement has served the town very well over the past years. The agent, David Askew, is a certified Soil Scientist who lives in Granby. Throughout the year the town's Building Office and Office of Community Development regularly consult with the Wetland Agent regarding a variety of wetland policies, concerns, and complaints.

In fiscal year 2010-2011, the Commission took four actions. These included the approval of two amendments to wetland boundaries and two approvals for activities within wetlands or upland review areas. The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but restricted and regulated activities to minimize wetland impacts. The Commission also reviewed three Requests for Review that were delegated to the Wetland Agent for approval.

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	GPC BOS	P&R	YSBAB IWWC AC BOE Purim begins at sundown			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Saving Time begins	COA GDC GLB	P&Z Early Release K-12		сс		St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	BOS	ZBA First Day of Spring	BOE Early Release K-12	Early Release K-6	Early Release K-6	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The department responded to a total of 249 calls, which is a 16% increase over the previous year.

- 32 Fire building, car, chimney, brush
- 17 Motor Vehicle Extrication/Medical Assist
- 37 Hazardous Materials/Conditions
- 45 Service Calls smoke, water problem, standby
- 15 Good Intent Calls
- 103 False Alarms

The Lost Acres Fire Department, Inc. (LAFD) took steps to reduce our daily operational costs due to the difficult financial times of the past year. To complete the purchase of our new pumper, loans were drafted to bridge the shortfall in our budget versus the cost of the truck. This new truck will replace old LA-3, which was put into service in 1987.

New LA-3 was delivered in early June. The committee members: Chairman - Paul Cote, Firefighters - Kent Chamberlain, Dave Demchak, and Charlie Warren; Captains - Bill Lee and Roger Thibodeau; and Chief Engineer - Davin Thomas; spent the past year designing and working with the builder to deliver a truck to meet the department needs for the next 20 to 25 years. We greatly appreciate all of their efforts.

We were awarded our first ever Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the federal government. This grant will be used to buy ten full sets of new turnout gear. Many thanks go to Joe Harmon, Dave Demchak, and Lorraine Morelli for all their help in applying for the grant and ordering the equipment.

Besides our fire suppression and protection responsibilities, the LAFD supports a variety of town functions and public education events. This year was no exception with our support of five Holcomb Farm events to benefit other town groups or activities. Celebrate Granby is an opportunity for the membership to broadcast fire safety messages and educate the public. During Fire Prevention Week we visit over 1,300 children, discussing 'Stop Drop

and Roll', the proper use of the 911 system, and other safety pointers. We spent a day with the 8th grade science class discussing our thermal imaging camera and providing practical demonstrations. We held a Large Animal/Equine Rescue training program presented by Dr. Peter Conserva and we provided an honor guard during the 'Field of Flags' event, honoring service men and women who have fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sean Yucha was promoted to the position of Lieutenant at the Center Station and Steve Galuska was accepted as our newest active member. Stanley Hayes, our department secretary, retired his post after seventeen years of distinguished service. His dedication and long hours are greatly appreciated. All of the services provided by our members are done so on a 100% volunteer basis to the LAFD and the Town of Granby.

On June 1, 2011, the LAFD marked its 75th anniversary. Recognition events are planned in conjunction with the town's 225th celebration. From our humble beginnings with one truck and our first station on Lost Acres Road in 1936, to the three stations and seven trucks today, the members of the Lost Acres Fire Department continue to serve and protect the citizens of the Town of Granby.



Our newest truck, LA-3, a 2010 HME, next to our oldest truck, LA-1, a 1921 REO. Photo courtesy of Paul Cote.

APRIL 2012

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					SR MFC	
Palm Sunday	GPC BOS	P&R	BOE	СС	Good Friday Passover begins at sundown	
8	9 Budget 7:00 P.M	10	11	12	13	14
	Public Hearing BOF COA		YSBAB			
Easter Sunday	GDC GLB	P&Z	IWWC AC			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SR-1 week BOS	ZBA		СС		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Post out 7 00 P.M					
	Budget 7:00 P.M Town Meeting BOF	P&Z				
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FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's office has a staff of three parttime employees and is responsible for the protection of lives and property throughout the Town of Granby. The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated and regulated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations dictate when and where fire safety inspections are required and assigns responsibilities regarding hazardous materials, plan reviews of proposed buildings, and requires that all fires and or explosions be investigated to determine cause and origin.

The Fire Marshal's office is the only town agency that is required to perform inspections of the town's commercial and non-commercial properties on an annual basis. This includes all schools, businesses, day care facilities, industrial and commercial occupancies, as well as gasoline service stations, and all public assembly properties. These inspections require a working knowledge of over 100 codes and standards. Our main goal is to work with the property owner to gain a code compliant building, thus providing a safe environment for the public.

The Connecticut General Statutes requires the Fire Marshal's office to inspect and enforce regulations concerning the storage, use, and transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG). We issue permits for the purchase, transportation, and the use of explosives.

This office also fields questions on fire related topics such as code compliance, open burning, and fireworks.

As a reminder, a working smoke alarm is one of the best ways to survive a house fire. Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside of every sleeping area, and on every level of the house including the basement. Batteries need to be replaced annually at a minimum, and smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. If you have questions about proper placement of smoke alarms, call the office.

The State of Connecticut, along with the Town of Granby, has an emergency notification system in place. This system will notify all residents whenever town or state officials deem it necessary. Things like hurricanes, tornados, hazardous materials situations, and request for evacuations will now be sent to you using your residential telephones. The system's database was limited to calling your traditional wire-line telephone numbers that you have installed in your homes. Now you have the choice to include any other devices, which you may have such as cell phones, email addresses, pagers, etc. This makes it possible for you to receive notifications at work, on the road, or any other time you are not physically at home. All you need to do is sign up. This can be done online at http://www.ctalert.gov/ctalert/site/default.asp. You can also get to this link thru our town website, www. granby-ct.gov, click on town departments, Emergency Management, then click on the link to CT Alert ENS. Once on the site you can enter information for other devices, cell phone numbers, email addresses, etc. You will also be asked to set the order of receipt. Maybe you would prefer to receive a cell call or a text message first; this is where you would set these priorities. If you use cell numbers, please understand you are responsible for any costs associated with your receipt of text, phone, or other messages received through this emergency notification system. Please call the Fire Marshal with questions on this system.

Office hours are varied but appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at (860) 844-5318.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

The Collector of Revenue is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes, sewer use charges, and sewer assessments. The office also processes most deposits to the General Fund from other town departments.

Tax collections for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,449. At the end of the fiscal year, 480 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2009 Grand List adjusted levy was \$31,045,576 and the net collections on the current levy were \$30,768,115.
- During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, 99.11% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2011 (including back taxes) were \$447,571.

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^{*}Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of the week.

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RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES

The Recreation and Leisure Services Director has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages. A seven-member board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, may advise the Recreation Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive fun experiences for ages 5-18 in a recreational atmosphere; these include soccer, basketball, and skiing. For adults, we offer various programs such as adult dropin basketball, exercise classes, AARP Safe Driving classes, and more. We also coordinate a variety of bus trips throughout the year with neighboring communities.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for the town's major events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden, the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playscapes, and a dog park. Each summer we present a "Sounds of Summer" concert series sponsored entirely by our local business community.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes a public swim

area (pond) for those who want to enjoy cooling off in a natural setting. We provide American Red Cross swimming lessons and a quality day camp experience for children in kindergarten through 9th grade, including a two-year training program for teens to provide them the opportunity to learn valuable skills and provide us with a list of well-qualified lifeguards and counselors.

The Celebrate Granby 225 committee has worked hard to organize an exciting October 1, 2011 celebration. Completely run by volunteers, this committee has already had a number of fundraisers to pay for the day's activities, which will include a parade, a country fair, and fireworks.

The Granby Recreation and Leisure Services Department looks forward to implementing on-line program registration and making greater use of electronic marketing opportunities to publicize program offerings.

In May 2011 after many years of service to the town, Kay Woodford retired. She was instrumental in building the sporting programs we have in place today, for our youth and adults. Thomas J. Tyburski joined the staff as the new Director of Recreation and Leisure Services.

OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Reminder - DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) functions as a part-time service of the Department of Police Services. Hours of availability for routine matters are Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The MACO is assigned the responsibility of investigating and taking any appropriate enforcement action regarding incidents involving domestic animals. Matters involving wildlife are referred to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) or Nuisance Wildlife Operators licensed by the CTDEP.

The MACO operates the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street in Granby. The shelter provides a safe haven, primarily for roaming dogs, which have been recovered or as a holding area while investigations are conducted.

The shelter continues to receive donations of food, crates, bedding, and other supplies which are greatly appreciated and facilitate the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter. Arrangements can be made for picking up or dropping off donations by contacting the MACO through the police department at 860-844-5335.

For the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the MACO handled the following types and numbers of calls for service:

Type of Complaint	Incidents
Roaming Dogs	137
Barking Dogs	44
Nuisance Dogs	
Vicious Dogs*	0
Dog/Cat Bites	
Dogs vs. Automobiles	
Cat Complaints	333
Cruelty Complaints	7
Total number of complaint	s
investigated	562
Impounded Animals Redeemed by Owners	102
Rabies Cases	4

^{*} Vicious dogs are those deemed by the MACO to be excessively aggressive in their behavior as a result of repetitive incidents.

JUNE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	GPC					
	BOS	P&R	BOE	CC		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	COA GDC GLB	P&Z	YSBAB IWWC AC	Flag Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day	BOS	ZBA	BOE First Day of Summer	cc		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	BOF	Р&Z				

COA	Commission on Aging	1:30	p.m.	Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
CC	Conservation Commission	7:30	p.m.	Police Dept. Community Rm.
GDC	Granby Development Commission	7:00	p.m.	Town Hall
GLB	Granby Library Board	7:00	p.m.	Granby Public/Cossitt Librarie
GPC	Granby Prevention Council	6:00	p.m.	Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.

IWWCInland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	. 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
P&RPark & Recreation Board	. 7:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
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YSBAB Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	. 4:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
ZBAZoning Board of Appeals	. 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development is responsible for the administration of the town's overall land use and development process. The Director oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses staff. The office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program. He is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program and serves as the liaison with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Census Bureau, and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Development Commission, and assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, and the Conservation Commission. The Department also provides information as requested by other boards and commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

In addition to various Zoning and Subdivision applications and activities, this year the Director worked on promoting Scenic Roads, finalizing the Canton Road sewer project, preparing grants,

statistical outlines, and analysis. During this fiscal year the 2010 Census data for Granby was released. In 2010 the town had a total population of 11,282, with 4,360 housing units. This is an increase of 935 persons and 473 housing units from the 2000 census, a 9% and 12 % increase respectively.

In this fiscal year, 46-acres of land were permanently preserved as open space through purchases by the Granby Land Trust. The Director of Community Development assisted in both the preservation of the Crane property, 36 acres; and the Hart property, 8 acres, which are located along Old Messenger Road. Almost 650 acres are now permanently preserved within the immediate area of the former Old Messenger Road. The area serves as a wildlife corridor and is an important part of a large contiguous forest area. In this fiscal year an additional \$25,000 was committed to the town's open space fund through the Fee in Lieu of Open Space Program. This program is administered though the Office of Community Development. These fees are paid by the developers of subdivisions, at the time of lot sales.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town's economic growth.

In this fiscal year the Commission met numerous times to discuss Granby's commercial climate and to provide advice to the Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission discussed the state of the economy and made recommendations and suggestions regarding development activities. The Commission worked on positive ideas for the Town Center and continues to urge the state to install a crosswalk in the center of town, across Route 189. New lights around the Town Green have been discussed, along with new multi-family housing for the Town Center.

In FY 2010-2011 the Commission reviewed the new 2010 Census data and considered the increases over the past 10 years. The data is useful for businesses, which need to understand the make-up and growth of the market.

The Commission has been monitoring the slowdown in housing construction and sales and anticipates sluggish but upward increases. Overall, while there have been few gains in commercial activity, the town has not experienced any significant declines.

The Commission is pleased to note that the Dutch Iris Inn was recognized by *Yankee Magazine* as one of Connecticut's best lodgings for 2011. The Commission also notes the beautiful façade improvements that were made to the Pierce Building at 522 Salmon Brook Street and the \$720,000 renovation project at Stop and Shop.

JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	BOS	PεR	MFC Independence Day*	сс		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	GLB	P&Z	IWWC AC			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	BOS	ZBA		СС		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	BOF	P&Z				
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GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2010-2011 was another exciting, challenging, and productive year for Granby Public Schools. A consecutive year of a flat budget, an unusually snowy winter, the momentum provided by a new mission and achievement goal, impressive student achievement, and external school recognitions are some of the events that characterized the year.

The adoption of the new 21st century district vision, mission, and achievement goal by the Board of Education has provided powerful leverage, accountability, and focus for increased student achievement and school improvement. The daily practice of the schools was characterized by students and teachers as learners. Teachers opened up and shared their teaching practices as they collaborated as members of a professional learning community doing whatever it takes for Granby students to be successful. The success of

the district's accomplishments as a professional learning community continues to gain national and state notoriety.

Student achievement remained extremely high; including an impressive list of college acceptances by the 2011 graduating class, high performance on standardized tests, the recognition of Granby Memorial Middle School as the Connecticut Association of Schools' Middle School of the Year, and the nomination of Kelly Lane Intermediate School by the Connecticut State Department of Education as a Federal Blue Ribbon School. The Connecticut Magazine has ranked Granby second in the state in the small town education category and the Hartford Magazine recognized Granby Memorial High School as one of the top high schools in the greater Hartford area.

Granby has long been known as a volunteer community and that spirit of service and volunteerism extends into the schools and is reflected in the district's new mission. Parents, senior citizens, businesses, churches, and local organizations actively support Granby Public Schools. The town is understandably proud of its school system and its growing reputation. The recognition our schools have received over the past years is only possible with the high level of community support. The school system thanks everyone that volunteered or donated their time and talents this year – it is what helps make Granby a great New England school system and a wonderful place to live.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals in each Connecticut municipality is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on the assessments from aggrieved taxpayers and reviewing valuations set by the Assessor. This Board provides an opportunity for review and adjustment, before appeal is made to the courts. In exercising its functions as an appeal agency, the Board may reduce or increase a taxpayer's assessment through valuation change. The Board may also add to the Assessor's list the names of any property owners omitted and make supplemental lists of any taxable property omitted by the Assessor.

The Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Granby is comprised of three elected Granby residents: Chairman Lowell C. Johnson, James R. Sansone, and Celia Eggert.

The Board reviewed four appeals during the course of their meetings held in March of 2010. Of the properties reviewed, four received an adjustment.

Section 12-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires taxpayers who wish to contest the assessment of their properties to file written appeal notices with the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th. The Board will notify appellants of their hearing dates at least seven days before they are held.

AUGUST 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SEPTEMBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29	Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For infor- mation on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 IWWC	9	10	11
	BOS	P&R	AC			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	GLB			СС		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	BOS	ZBA				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	BOF		ВОЕ			

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P&ZPlanning & Zoning Commission	. 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
YSBAB Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	. 4:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
ZBAZoning Board of Appeals	. 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The 'Pride of the Valley' is a label The Public Works Department takes to heart. Our department strives to provide the best service to its residents for the least amount of money. Every operation is scrutinized, looking for ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency. We utilize the State of Connecticut bidders list to save money and time in procuring supplies and equipment. Inefficient, repair prone vehicles and tools are replaced with new and innovative equipment and hardware that saves manpower and uses less energy. Winter snow and ice control methods have changed every season to take advantage of improving materials and methods, reducing salt and sand use while improving overall snow melting and clearing performance. Meanwhile, we incorporate new recycling methods and vendors to increase recycling rates while reducing the amount of curbside trash. More recycling translates to great savings in disposal costs. We will continue to provide excellent service to the residents while maintaining a cost effective department.

Public Works crews deployed for 16 storms last winter, keeping local roads open and safe. Over 83 inches of snow fell on town roads. The Department utilized 842 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. Better materials and techniques resulted in a reduction in the amount of salt and sand used even as we battled more snow.

Street sweeping mileage totaled 93.2 miles, with 900 catch basins being cleaned annually. The street sweeping program has seen savings due to the reduction in sand use during winter snow removal operations. In 2006 we used 1,450 cubic yards of sand in plowing operations. This year we used 168 cubic yards of sand.

Building maintenance activities remain busy as residents continue to take advantage of the many programs and facilities the town offers. Our full and part-time staff is dedicated and professional. We have skilled carpenters and irrigation specialists on staff, along with crewmembers that have knowledge in general electrical, HVAC, and plumbing skills. The town Transfer Station is manned by our certified part-time employees who are helpful and always willing to lend a hand to residents.

New development continues to lag with the slowing economy. Our road rehabilitation program improved .4 of a mile of local roads, and our overlay program improved another 1.75 miles last year. Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvements program. The following streets were rehabilitated and paved last year as part of the Capital program:

Reed Hill Road

East Street (partial)

Peterson Road

The ten-year Capital Improvement plan is developed to reconstruct roads

that have failed. Reed Hill Road was reconstructed with new catch basins, pavement, and curbing.

Our talented mechanics service over 60 vehicles and numerous other pieces of equipment for the Public Works Department, Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agencies. Over 4,000 hours are dedicated to repair and preventive maintenance. The fleet includes dump trucks, police cruisers, senior vans, administration vehicles, excavators, and other assorted equipment.

Additionally, town greens, cemeteries, and municipal complex grounds are mowed, weeded, lined, planted, and watered. Public Works crews clean and maintain 18 public buildings located throughout town. Our crew is proud of the professional work we do for the residents and will continue to do everything we can to keep costs down and service up.



Granby Public Works Department 2011

SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2012 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For infor- mation on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SR MFC Labor Day*	PER GPC BOS	вое	сс		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	COA GDC GLB	Р&Z	YSBAB IWWC AC			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	BOS	ZBA	вое	сс		First Day of Autumn
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	BOF	P&Z Yom Kippur begins at sundown				

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TOWN MEETING KEY:

AC Agricultural Commission 8:00 p.m. Police Dept Community Rm.
Board of Assessment Appeals Call Town Hall for dates & times
BOE Board of Education 7:00 p.m. Central Office
BOF Board of Finance
BOS Board of Selectmen 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

COA Commission on Aging 1:30	p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
CC Conservation Commission	p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
GDC Granby Development Commission 7:00	p.m. Town Hall
GLB Granby Library Board	p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Librarie
GPC Granby Prevention Council 6:00	p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.

IWWCInland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
P&RPark & Recreation Board	7:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
P&ZPlanning & Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
YSBAB Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	4:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
ZBAZoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m. Town Hall

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Voters in districts one and two vote at one central polling site, located at Granby Memorial High School's Community Gym, for all primaries and elections. The Optical Scan voting system reads paper ballots, which are filled out by voters just like a lotto ticket, by filling in the ovals next to their

chosen candidates. The results are tallied by the optical scanner voting machine and the paper ballots provide a hard copy of these results. The high school polling site also has a handicapped accessible "vote by phone" system, which is used exclusively at the polls.

The Registrar's office is diligently working to make sure that all eligible residents

can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During Fiscal Year 2011, we added 348 new voters, changed 421 records, and removed 330 voters from our official voter registry. There are currently 6,995 active registered voters in Granby: 2,778 Unaffiliated, 2,231 Republican, 1,930 Democrat, 45 Independent, 5 Green, and 6 Libertarian. During the past fiscal year, there was a federal primary in August, a gubernatorial election in November, and the annual town meeting in April.

Identification is now required on all voter registration forms. State voter registration forms are used to report changes in address, name, or political party, as well as to register as a new voter. If you are going to be away for an election, absentee ballot applications need to be filed with the Town

Clerk's office. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are available on the web at: www. sots.ct.qov

To contact the Registrars, you can stop by or call on Wednesdays at the Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E-mail: *vr.granby@po.state.ct.us*, or leave a voicemail: 860-844-5322.

The current Registrars are Maureen Wolf

(Republican) and Laura Wolfe (Democrat). Their responsibilities include registering new voters; overseeing all elections, primaries, and referenda; and certifying the official voter list. In addition, the Registrars must obtain ten hours of accredited training per year and attend the quarterly Hartford County meetings. The Registrars are also responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers.



Presentation of the Democracy Cup

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Operating under the Office of Community Development, Engineering Services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Kevin Clark, P.E. The Town Engineer reviews development applications and advises the Director of Community Development. He attends Planning and Zoning Commission meetings as necessary. He reviews the engineering details of various projects and conducts field inspections, assuring that the construction of new roads comply with engineering standards and road specifications. The Town Engineer also inspects private roads to assure compliance with the specific approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission. During this fiscal year two new private roads were under construction. The Town Engineer meets with design engineers and offers suggestions and advice on the design of developments proposed for the Town of Granby.

This year the Town Engineer worked on intersection alignments and various sidewalk designs. He has started to collect information on all town retention basins and has begun preparing long-term maintenance plans for each.

In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the Town Engineer assisted the Department of Public Works with a variety of projects involving roads, bridges, septic systems, parks, state permits, and landfill/transfer station and ground water monitoring. He also inspected construction sites, sewer lateral installations, and reviewed bond estimates.

OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the	1	2	3	4	5	6
Town Clerk's Office.	GPC BOS	P&R	вое	сс		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SR Columbus Day	COA GDC GLB P&Z	YSBAB IWWC AC			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	BOS	ZBA	BOE	cc		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	BOF	PεZ				
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28	29	30	31		SEPTEMBER 2012 SMTWTFS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	NOVEMBER 2012 5 M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
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HOLCOMB FARM

Holcomb Farm's 367 acres of rich rolling meadows, densely wooded forest, and pristine brooks are located at 113 Simsbury Road in West Granby. The property is town-owned but leased to and run by Holcomb Farm, a nonprofit charitable organization. Today the Farm brings together children, adults, and families in a plan of use that includes caring for this historic property, responsibly growing great tasting nutritious food, and engaging and supporting the community.

Holcomb Farm is open to the public daily from dawn-to-dusk and maintains over ten miles of marked trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. We invite you to come and visit the farm, take a walk, experience the bio-diversity the property offers, and reflect on the generosity of Tudor and Laura Holcomb.

Holcomb Farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is one of the oldest and largest in the state, sustainably growing 40 kinds of fresh vegetables without any chemical pesticides on over 20 acres of land. This system grows healthy food while improving the soils and the watershed. We harvest over 160,000 pounds annually, serving over 700 households and providing over 18,000 pounds of produce to seniors and at-risk families in Granby and Hartford. This program also employs and trains farmer apprentices on best practices to provide us with much needed high nutritional value foods into the future.

The Holcomb Farm Summer Camp program partners urban, suburban and rural communities, bringing over 250 campers to the Farm for handson agricultural, environmental, and teambuilding programs. Our Children's Giving Garden introduced the children to their very own vegetable garden from soil prep to harvest. We then involved them in the preparation of nutritious snacks and lunches incorporating the vegetables and herbs they had just picked.

In 2011 Holcomb Farm continued to provide the community with farm-based activities and support. This included the use of our facilities by over 20 different civic and community groups, for over 100 different events, bringing 2,800 people to the Farm. Our Hay Loft Concert Series featured spring and fall music concerts in our impressive 4,500 square foot hayloft. The 2010 Fall Festival was a huge success, featuring local artisans and agricultural items. We provide families with entertaining and informative food and farm related activities and programs throughout the year.

We thank the generosity of our friends and supporters in the community, which enables us to preserve, protect, and utilize this historic New England Farm.

Find out more at www.holcombfarm.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is a seven member appointed board that is charged to be an environmental steward for the town. Although the commission has no regulatory powers, it makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission, and reviews development plans.

The Conservation Commission is making progress on the "EPA Community Challenge", a program designed to reduce town's municipal energy costs. Using an Energy Star Portfolio Manager database, information on the towns' municipal buildings are analyzed to determine areas of energy conservation improvement. As part of the "20% by 2010" program, the town has met its goal of obtaining 20% of its electricity from renewable resources. The Clean Energy Task Force, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, is continuing to promote the use of alternative clean energy for residences and businesses, with the goal of obtaining a free photovoltaic electricity generation system for one of the municipal buildings. The Conservation Commission has become a resource for understanding the recent deregulation of electricity providers. A Clean Energy fair is being coordinated for later in the year.

The Conservation Commission is incorporating the final touches on Granby's Natural Resource Inventory List. This list will document the towns' natural resources, including open space, farmland, forestland, geology, waterways and aquifers, and wildlife corridors. The document will also address native and invasive plant species. The Natural Resource Inventory List is intended to be a resource for town officials to use when making development decisions; for residents to use to find more information about Granby; and to provide recommendations to ensure the preservation and conservation of areas of interest. The list will be available later in the year.

NOVEMBER 2012

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Daylight Saving Time Ends	GPC BOS	P&R Election Day	ВОЕ				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Veteran's Day	MFC Veteran's Day observed	COA GDC GLB P&Z	YSBAB IWWC AC	сс			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	BOS	ZBA	вое	SR MFC Thanksgiving Day*	SR MFC		
25	26	27	28	29	30		
	BOF	P&Z					
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GLB	Granby Library Board	7:00	p.m.	Granby Public/Cossitt Librarie
GPC	Granby Prevention Council	6:00	p.m.	Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.

IWWC.....Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission...... 7:00 p.m. Town Hall es YSBAB ...Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board 4:00 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.

PROBATE COURT

On January 5, 2011, the face of Connecticut's probate system changed. Here in Granby, the new regional court called Simsbury Regional Probate District now serves a population of 62,266 encompassing the four communities of Avon, Canton, Granby, and Simsbury. Cynthia C. Becker is the Probate Judge. Simsbury Regional Probate District is located at the Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut 06070. The phone number is 860-658-3277. Office hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Probate Court handles estates, 4a-16 estates (State Aid), Trust Accounts, Compromise of Claim, appointments of Guardians of the Estate of a minor, Removal of Guardian, Temporary Custody matters, Conservators of the person and/or estate, and Allowance on Account (Guardian). The court also handles appointment of a Guardian of a Mentally Retarded Adult. In addition Name Changes, Adoptions, and Termination of Parental Rights matters are also addressed by the Probate Court. Unfortunately, the Probate Court no longer processes Passports.

All Probate records (other than tax returns and other confidential records) are open to the public, with the exception of Adoptions, Termination of Parental Rights, Removal of Guardians, and files for the Mentally Retarded Adults. Fees to the court are set by law and retained by the Judge, who is responsible for paying most of the expenses of the court.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The focus of the Social Services Department is to coordinate existing federal, state, regional, and local services, to increase community awareness of these services, and to develop new programs to meet the needs of Granby residents. Services offered directly through this office include:

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL – Over 1,200 personal and telephone inquiries were responded to with referrals being made to agencies for a wide range of services including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, day care, home health and nursing services, medical care, housing, and entitlement programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE – Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 154 households to assist with over \$98,500 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$10,515 in donations from individual donors, civic groups, and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RENTERS' TAX

RELIEF – Forty-one applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of over \$18,290 to qualified applicants.

HOLCOMB FARM PRODUCE PROJECT – Over 80 participants enjoyed fresh organic vegetables from an organizational share at the Holcomb Farm. Donations and Senior Center membership dues fund this project.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE – Through the generosity of the Granby Community Fund Special Assistance Fund, many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups, the Local Assistance Fund received over \$15,085 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Sixty-five households were provided with emergency assistance. The Holiday Sponsorship Program, a town-wide effort of concern and generosity provided food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to 50 households, and holiday gifts to 75 children.

DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	GPC BOS	P&R	вое	сс		Hanukkah begins at sundown
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	COA GDC GLB	P&Z	IWWC AC			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	BOS	ZBA	вое	сс	First Day of Winter	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	MFC 31 New Year's Eve	MFC Christmas Day*	P&Z			

^{*}Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of the week.

TOWN MEETING KEY:

AC..... Agricultural Commission... 7:00 p.m. Police Dept Community Rm. Board of Assessment Appeals Call Town Hall for dates & times BOE ... Board of Education 7:00 p.m. Central Office BOF ... Board of Finance 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm. BOS ... Board of Selectmen 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

c	OA Commission on Aging	1·30 n	m	Sr Ctr & Youth Svcs Bldg
	C Conservation Commission			
	DC Granby Development Commission			
	LB Granby Library Board			
	PC Granby Prevention Council			Sr Ctr & Youth Svcs Bldg

INVIVC	.Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	7:00 n m	Town Hall
PεR	.Park & Recreation Board	7:30 p.m	. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
P&Z	.Planning & Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m	. Town Hall
YSBAB	.Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	4:00 p.m	Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
7RA	Zoning Board of Appeals	7.30 n m	Town Hall

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, \$405,722 was appropriated for library services provided by Granby Public Library and the Frederick H. Cossitt Library branch. The nine-member Granby Library Board, chaired by Lynn Lochhead, meets the second Monday of each month and welcomes public attendance. In March, the Board convened a special meeting to discuss the 2013-2018 long-range plan for library services. Surveys and focus groups will be offered to allow residents input into the planning process. Construction and renovation work at Cossitt Library was completed, and the staff and collection returned from its temporary headquarters at Holcomb Farm in August.

Services for Children, Teens, and Adults

Registration for "Make a Splash, Read!" the 2010 summer reading program began the last day of school. Summer programs included Bending Gravity, Papillion the Pirate, the Secret World of Bubbles, Lobster Lego, and an appearance by Rocky the Rock Cat. Cossitt Library ended the summer with its traditional ice cream social.

Storytimes and special book-based nature programs for young children were held monthly. Samantha Sojka, Miss Connecticut Teen USA, visited and read to little Granby princesses at a special story time. The Girls Book Group (RRRG) met monthly, and Mudsharks, a new library club, was started for boys age eight and older. Kids of all ages enjoyed Having Fun with Pyramids & Pharaohs and a visit from Riverside Reptiles Living Dragons. The libraries continue to support the local Nutmeq and Acorn reading programs.

The SF/Fantasy Book Club for teens met monthly and scheduled special Saturday movies and a cookout in June. A Hunger Games event with crafts, food, and competition was held in January. The Connecticut Humanities Council provided book discussions at both libraries as well as a four-part series "Mystery alla Italiana" at Granby Public Library. The local series presented authors John Myers, Peter Miller, and Ames Swartsfager who read from their books and signed copies for attendees.



Princess Storytime with Samantha Sojka, Miss Connecticut Teen USA

The Rapid Reads selections and the UnBook Club provide easy reading choices for busy readers. Cossitt celebrated the holiday season with a Gingerbread House contest.

Connections: People and Technology

Verso, the library's automated catalog and circulation system, allows patrons to view the library collection as well as items that are on order. Patrons can access their library accounts to check due dates, overdues and outstanding fines, renew materials, place reserves, write book reviews, and make interlibrary loan requests. Information about

library hours, events and programs, and museum passes can be found on the library page at *www. granby-ct.gov*. The statewide catalog and reference tools, available at *www.iconn.org*, are a valuable resource.

A grant from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving provided new links to online learning resources, including: BookFlix for young children; Mango and Little Pim, language instruction tools for adults and children; ancestry.com, a genealogical tool; and free downloadable e-books, audio, and video. This grant provides 24/7 resources to residents when the library is closed. Public PCs are located in the children's, teen, and adult areas. Wi-Fi access is also available.

Cooperative discounts for library materials, supplies, and educational opportunities are available to libraries and staff with memberships in the Connecticut Library Consortium, Connecticut Library Association, and American Library Association.

Service by the Numbers

The reduction to the library budget resulted in less staff and fewer hours. The hours at Granby Public Library were reduced from 52 to 42 hours and Cossitt Library hours from 23 hours per week to 15. The change in schedule resulted in a decline in circulation from 165,780 items to 136,344, an overall decline of 17%. Out-of-town users borrowed 23,823 items.

The library collection offers a variety of materials in all formats, including books, audio, and video. Patrons can choose from more than 200 different magazines to borrow or nine newspapers to read at the library. Print materials continue to dominate the collection and circulation figures, but DVDs/videos have the highest turnover rate (items borrowed: items owned) of 6 to 1.

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Circulation 2010-2011

Realia, Puppets, Toys Museum Passes

Children's Computers

Adult Computers

Teen Computers

Total

Item Type

LIBRARY SERVICES continued from page 24

Residents borrowed 3,106 items through interlibrary loan; the library supplied 498 items requested by other libraries. A total of 205 programs were enjoyed by 3,913 people (add unbook). The two small study rooms at Granby Public Library were used 245 times by tutors, business people, small groups, and individuals. The library's public computers were used 6,500 times.

Friends, Volunteers, and the Library Community

Volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours of service to the libraries, assisting with programs,

publicity, bar coding, processing of new items, re-shelving library materials, and book deliveries to senior housing units and the Senior Center. The Friends of Granby Public Library, Friends of Cossitt Library, and Granby Library Association work hundreds of additional hours on membership drives, fundraising activities, program planning, and book sales using the funds they raise to provide special programs and collections. This year, Friends of Granby Public Library funded Sunday hours for January through March. Local businesses support the annual Summer Reading Program with prizes

Total

303

366

4.219

1,472

136,344

809

and supplies. Each year the Granby Library Board recognizes the valuable contribution of library volunteers with a Volunteer Recognition Tea. A new partnership with Granby Early Childhood Council (GECC) provides books to new Granby babies. The libraries continue to cooperate with schools, town business, other town departments, and area libraries to develop services to the Granby community. The library received donations from Galasso Materials, Citizens for a Better Granby, and a grant from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

51	,			
Adult Books	38,389	2,135	40,524	
Teen Books	3,515	138	3,653	
Children's Books	26,166	3,052	29,218	
Adult Magazines	9,774	1,652	11,426	
Teen Magazines	370	5	375	
Children's Magazines	513	63	576	
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	6,320	268	6,588	
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	410	16	426	
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	848	53	901	
Adult CD-ROM/Software/GAME	20	0	20	
Teen CD-ROM and Software	2	0	2	
Children's CD ROM and Software	64	17	81	
Adult Video and DVDs	20,680	2,172	22,852	
Teen Video and DVDs	2,822	44	2,866	
Children's Video and DVDs	9,043	624	9,667	

278

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125,895

747

Granby

Cossitt

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10,449

Collection 2010-2011			
Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	34,609	4,559	39,168
Teen Books	2,461	514	2,975
Children's Books	16,492	7,867	24,359
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	2,189	324	2,513
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	204	36	240
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	445	203	648
Adult CD-ROM/Software/GAME	16	0	16
Teen CD-ROM and Software	1	0	1
Children's CD ROM and Software	53	36	89
Adult Video and DVDs	2,538	1,080	3,618
Teen Video and DVDs	440	22	462
Children's Video and DVDs	1,126	606	1,732
Realia, Puppets, Toys	87	25	112
Museum Passes	35	17	52
Adult Computers	5	2	7
Teen Computers	4	1	5
Children's Computers	7	2	9
Total	60,712	15,294	76,006

ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list, and value all taxable real estate, motor vehicles, and personal property in the Town of Granby. It is important that no property is omitted, that each property is assessed to the correct person or persons, and that each property is assessed uniformly and according to law. These values, subject to a 70% ratio, result in the Gross Grand List. The Assessor then applies various exemptions as mandated by the Connecticut State Statutes and local ordinances, including veterans, elderly, disabled, blind, farm, forest, open space, etc. The final total after exemptions are deducted is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment from the 2008 Grand List to the 2009 Grand List

was 6,938,770, a .66% increase. This increase was predominately due to additions and the purchase of newer vehicles.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 8,240,919, generating \$245,500 in revenue. This was an increase from the previous year, which seems to indicate that people are willing to purchase new vehicles.

The Connecticut State Law requires all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2007. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2012. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.visionappraisal.com.

2000

	2008	2009		
	Grand List	Grand List		
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year		
	<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>		
REAL ESTATE	950,788,580	955,097,530		
MOTOR VEHICLES	74,359,520	76,809,940		
PERSONAL PROPERTY	17,304,720	17,484,120		
Net Grand List	1,042,452,820	1,049,391,590		
MV Supple. Grand List	7,797,507	8,240,919		
Tax Exempt Real Estate	72,806,020	72,862,230		

2000

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled seven requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations and one Appeal of a Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) decision. The Board granted five variances, denied two, and denied the Appeal of the ZEO decision.

SENIOR SERVICES

The mission of the nationally accredited Granby Senior Center is to maximize the social, physical and educational well being of older adults, nurture relationships and foster independence through involvement in the Senior Center community.

The Center offers a wide variety of social, educational, recreational, and health related programs as well as professional assistance where needed. The Granby Senior Center is a focal point of services and activities for the seniors in the community. A variety of programs are offered including: a Congregate Meal Program, exercise classes, computer classes, billiards league, camera, art and needle working groups, educational and health programs, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, and the Senior Club. Other special programs include AARP Drivers' Course, Medicare counseling, and tax preparation assistance. Senior Services also provides assistance in the areas of transportation, benefit counseling, and referrals.

There are seven staff members in this department including the Transportation Coordinator, Senior Center Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, three Senior Van Drivers, and the Congregate Meal Preparer.

Senior Services Statistics

Senior Center Participants	. 872
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	. 195
Congregate Meal Program	
Participants	80
Congregate Meals Served	4,252
Exercise Class Participants	. 238
Tax Preparation Assistance	. 167

Senior Services operates three senior vans to transport riders to activities at the Senior Center as well as for medical and personal care appointments, grocery shopping, health clinics, educational, and social programs. The vans frequently travel for day trips to special events, recreational activities, sites of interest, and exhibits. Donations from riders, the Granby Community Fund, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation assist with funding the van service.

Senior Van Statistics

Number of Registered Riders	163
Hours of Operation	. 2,319
Miles Traveled	25,433
Number of Passenger Trips	. 7,090

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- > Through the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteer committees, the Granby Senior Center achieved national accreditation for the second time in August 2010. The process ensures that the Center follows the nine standards set by the National Council on Aging.
- > Striving to follow its mission, the Center offered a new program, "Live Well". A Stanford University developed program, "Live Well" gives participants with chronic health conditions the support they need, offers practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices, and learn better ways to talk with health professionals and family about health concerns.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Director of Human Services administers the Granby Youth Service Bureau (YSB) with support from the Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board. The Bureau receives income from many sources including municipal funding, grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education, and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, user fees, and donations.

As one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in the State of Connecticut, the Granby Youth Service Bureau is a leading prevention agency, providing short-term counseling and support services for Granby youth and their families, as well as educational programming and opportunities for youth leadership and development. The staff consists of a Youth Services Coordinator, Master Level Clinicians, and select, well qualified Marriage and Family Therapy Interns.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

➤ The Granby Youth Service Bureau and the Granby Prevention Council completed a Drug Free Community Grant Application. If awarded, this grant would provide significant funding for prevention programming in Granby.

- ➤ In collaboration with the Granby Early Childhood Council, the YSB launched a Kids Play/You Stay group for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. This successful playgroup drew an average of 20 children each week.
- ➤ A series of parent and community workshops were presented focusing on the role of adults in reducing alcohol and drug abuse among children.

PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

- ❖ Youth Action Council (Y.A.C.) A leadership group for youth in grades 9 through 12, brought together to work on common goals, to discover the needs, interests, and concerns of Granby teens and to actively serve Granby teens and the community.
- W.O.W.! (Women on the Way!) An experiential group for high school age girls provided approximately 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors.

- G.O.! (Guys Only!) An action oriented group for 6th and 7th grade boys. This program brings together Granby residents and their Hartford Open Choice counterparts in a non-competitive playful environment. Diversity, communication, and social skill development are emphasized.
- ❖ Kids Play You Stay A drop-in-group for preschool age children and their caregivers. Run collaboratively with the Granby Early Childhood Council, this group provides caregivers an opportunity to network with other parents, YSB staff, and GECC members. This program serves as a parent support group as well as helping with early identification of potential risk factors among participating children.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services	
Total children served	
Total clinical hours	1,095
After school programming	83 youth
Preschool programming	40 children

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for working with the various Emergency Response departments and volunteer first responder organizations in Granby, (Police, Fire, EMS, and Health) to develop and maintain the Granby Emergency Operations Plan, insure town plans are in compliance with state and federal requirements, develop and execute interagency exercises, and work to improve Granby's capability to respond to major disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and major storms.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This year the focus has been on continuing to train and develop the Granby Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT team was organized in April of 2010. It consists of 19 Granby community volunteers who have undergone 30 hours of basic training in first aid, search and rescue, fire suppression, and emergency incident command structure and operation. They act as a part of the emergency response structure working with and supporting the various first responder organizations, as the situation requires. This year they supported

the Police Department at the Field of Flags and at a large Memorial Service for a fallen soldier, Army Specialist Richard C. "Richie" Emmons, Ill, at the Granby Memorial High School. They have received additional training in traffic control, CPR, advanced first aid, shelter operations and management, Sky Warn System, open area search and rescue, and small animal sheltering. The team is working on making improvements to the Town Emergency Operations Center and continues to work on improving Granby's sheltering capability.



CERT members - shelter training with the Red Cross

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department issued 772 permits with a total constructed value of \$6,893,696 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The number of permits issued was up from 690 during the previous fiscal year. New home construction was sluggish, consistent with national trends. Residential remodeling and additions continued at a steady pace. Many of the homes constructed during the 1970's and 1980's began to require renovations and equipment replacements. The severe winter also tested many buildings' roofs.

In addition to the services provided to Granby residents, the Building Department also provides inspection services to the Town of Hartland. Dur-

ing this fiscal year the Building Department issued 108 permits in Hartland. The Building Department also participates in a mutual aid agreement with the Towns of East Granby and Suffield Building Departments. This agreement was revised and expanded this year to include the Towns of Canton and Simsbury. This mutual agreement provides valuable support during vacation periods and emergencies.

In addition to administering and enforcing the provisions of the Connecticut State Building Code, our department provides administrative support to the Community Development Office, Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, Wetlands Agent, and several of the land

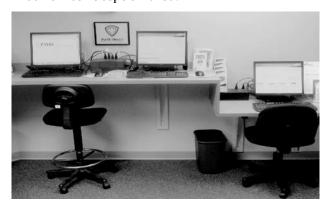
use boards and commissions. The Building Official also serves as Zoning Enforcement Officer, and is responsible for reviewing applications for compliance with the Zoning Regulations and responding to complaints regarding these regulations.

The Building Department encourages residents and contractors to contact us to discuss plans for proposed projects and with any related building code questions. The Building Department maintains files containing valuable information on most buildings constructed in modern times, which can be useful in any planning process. The goal of the Department is to ensure a safe built environment for all of Granby's citizens.

Building Permits Issued		Number of Permits		Total Co	nstruction Cost		
New				5		966,411	
Mechanica	ıl Permit	S	48	8	1,	470,531	
All other P	ermits		27	9	4,	4,456,754	
			77	2	6,	893,696	
New	Home P	ermits	All O	ther Permits			
Year	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Total	
2010-11	5	966,411	767	5,927,285	772	6,893,696	
2009-10	6	1,107,670	684	6,473,963	690	7,581,633	
2008-09	3	569,290	748	6,037,500	751	6,606,790	
2007-08	6	1,177,285	694	5,616,295	700	6,793,580	
2006-07	20	2,905,140	716	6,634,077	736	9,539,217	
2005-06	37	5,839,856	858	7,791,513	895	13,631,369	
2004-05	63	9,328,082	871	5,876,954	934	15,205,036	

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

In June of 2011, the Farmington Valley Health District moved its office location for the fourth time since being created July 1, 1976 by the Towns of Canton, East Granby, and Granby. We are now at 95 River Road (route 179) in Canton, which is south of the intersections with routes 202 and 44. In anticipation of our move, the district had all of its street files scanned onto a web based system that is accessible from any computer utilizing our website, <code>www.fvhd.org</code>. This allowed us to replace 37 four-drawer file cabinets with three computer kiosks in our office reception area.



The new location is essentially the same size as our previous office, but we were able to utilize the space that once stored 37 file cabinets in a more useful way. We now have a conference room that can comfortably fit up to 20 individuals attending our food service training programs.

As a result of our experience running 23 mass vaccination clinics for H1N1 Influenza, we learned several lessons that included the difficulty of locating, loading, and transporting all of the necessary supplies and equipment for every clinic – most importantly, the vaccine itself. Utilizing funds from a Public Health Emergency Response Grant, we were able to purchase a trailer to organize, store, and



Food service training session September 15, 2011

transport all of the needed supplies and equipment, including a portable vaccine refrigerator, to operate mass vaccination clinics in the future.

We continued to plan for emergency public health responses with our regional partners in both the Hartford area (region 3) and Litchfield County (region 5). Planning regionally allows us all to better utilize our resources in times of an emergency, whether natural or manmade. Particular emphasis is being placed on having the ability to distribute countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile to the public in a timely manner. The district has its own two-way radio system with a repeater

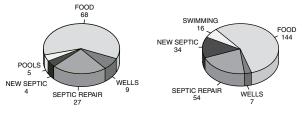


on Avon Mountain; all field staff have cell phones; we have pre-packed portable "go kits" that will allow our staff to function outside of our office in an emergency; and we have all the necessary materials to set up and operate two mass vaccination clinics for 48 hours.



Our environmental health professionals additionally provided these services to the residents of Granby:

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES (FY 10-11)



PERMITS 1

SITE VISITS / INSPECTIONS

FOOD PERMITS = ANNUAL + TEMPORARY

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

In a health care environment in which mergers, acquisitions, and consolidations are happening with unprecedented frequency, the Farmington Valley VNA is one of only a few remaining independent, non-profit visiting nurse associations in Connecticut. Services are provided to any individual or family, regardless of ability to pay, insurance limitations, or other hardship. This mission has remained intact and unwavering since the Agency's inception in 1908 and our organization continues to serve as the community's foundation of compassionate home health care, Hospice services, and illness prevention programs. With growing competition with out of area, larger, and for profit home health providers, which are entering this region, the Farmington Valley VNA is continuously evaluating and working to improve its quality and scope of services, responsiveness to community needs, and cost efficiency. These distinct qualities assure Granby residents that their needs remain a genuine priority and that donations and other funds are utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

Many people have been positively touched in some way by our organization. Preschool vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following surgery, illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the community, and the special support needed when caring for a terminally ill loved one in the home – these are just a few examples of the way the Farmington Valley VNA has benefited local residents of all ages.

Services available to Granby residents include:

- Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Remote patient monitoring
- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Services
- Home Health Aide Services

- Private Duty Aide Services
- Intravenous Therapy
- Nutritional Counseling
- Companion and Homemaker Services

A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management and digital photography for more accurate and timely treatment, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing, early rehabilitation programs after total joint replacements, diabetes education and management, and contemporary remote telemonitoring of patients' cardiac and respiratory status.

Our home based Hospice Program has also continued to offer caring support to many individuals and families who are dealing with a life limiting illness. Highly trained and compassionate staff have made a positive difference in the quality of many patients' lives and in the lives of their loved ones through this special program. Many of our own friends and neighbors have been helped. Hospice services are provided in the patient's place of residence including their home, skilled nursing facility, or assisted living community. Hospice as a care concept is consistently growing due to greater acceptance of Hospice care intervention with noncancer diagnoses such as Alzheimer's Disease,

and end stage cardiac and respiratory conditions. The Farmington Valley VNA's Hospice Program is Medicare certified and state licensed, and also accepts patients covered by the Hospice Medicaid Benefit, a program that was enacted in Connecticut in January 2009. The Agency's Hospice Program was surveyed by the Department of Public Health in May 2011 and was found to be in full compliance with all Medicare Conditions of Participation.

As an integral part of its mission, the Agency continues to operate a distinct and separate Community Programs Department, based in Granby, with a focus on illness prevention, health promotion, and education. This program makes our organization very unique in that most home health care providers have eliminated virtually all illness prevention services due to financial losses and changes in programmatic priorities to maximize profits. Over 3,500 Granby residents benefited from one or more community wellness programs last year. The greatest growth was seen in the number of individuals helped by the VNA's Granby Food Bank Program. The struggling economy and resulting strain on families caused a significant increase in Food Bank participation. The Food Bank had 1,103 individuals visit and 2,093 bags of groceries were distributed, compared to 925 individuals and 1,752 bags of groceries for the same period last year. The Food Bank relies exclusively on donations of food, money, and volunteer time in order to operate. The Farmington Valley VNA remains as one of the rare health organizations that still operates a food bank

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as a community program. Food banks in most other areas are managed and operated by town social service departments or churches.

Our organization is very pleased to have reached an agreement with the Town of Granby in order to purchase the building at 248 Salmon Brook Street, a location the Agency has rented for nearly thirty years. A capital campaign to help raise necessary funds was initiated in May 2011 and will continue into next year. This purchase will secure the Agency's long-term presence in Granby and will allow essential services and programs to continue without interruption.

The Farmington Valley VNA continues to maintain a contract with the Granby Board of Education to provide School Health Services in the Granby Public School System. This has been a long-standing and very positive arrangement, which assures that students and Board of Education employees receive high quality health care services during the school year.

As a local, freestanding, non-profit organization, faithful financial support from community residents, area businesses and service organizations is critical for our future survival. Reimbursement from state and most private insurance payors is remaining flat in the upcoming year. We anticipate a decrease of approximately 2.5% in Medicare reimbursement effective January 1, 2012, having just withstood a 7% decrease in January 1, 2011, due to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. These decreases in the Agency's primary payor source continue to create concerning fiscal deficits and strain on operations. Despite the growing challenges, the Farmington Valley VNA is very pleased to be an integral and vital part of Granby's community, and remains committed to improving the quality of life for our residents and families.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 860-651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2010-2011 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 13 regular meetings. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permit and zone change applications, requests for site plan approvals and modifications, subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions and acted on road and security agreements and bonds and established fees in lieu of open space. For a complete review of all commission activities, please visit the Granby website at www.granby-ct.gov and click on Agendas and Minutes where the minutes of each meeting can be reviewed.

In this fiscal year the Commission took in 17 new applications. The revenue generated from these applications was \$6,531. Also in this fiscal year, three subdivision applications were filed seeking the approval of a total 14 new residential building lots. All were approved.

In fiscal year 2010-2011 the Commission:

- Approved a special permit for a Bed and Breakfast for property at 80 Lost Acres Road.
- Approved a special permit to construct a garage in excess of 1,000 square feet for property located at 133 Silver Street.

- Approved a special permit of a home occupation in an outbuilding for property located at 70 Lakeside Drive catering.
- Approved a special permit for a non-profit use for property located at 59 Meadowbrook Road.
- Approved a special permit for a Nail Salon at 9 Bank Street.
- Approved a site plan amendment for an additional 30,000-gallon propane tank for property located at 500 Salmon Brook Street.
- Approved a new building lot at 24 Mill Pond Drive. Lot in an ED Zone.
- Approved a building addition and special permit for property at 29 Hartford Avenue for a yoga studio.
- Approved a special permit for personal service (dog grooming) for property located at 518 Salmon Brook Street.
- Approved a special permit for a rear lot at 3 Moosehorn Hill.
- Approved a renewal of a special permit for an earth excavation permit for property located at 536 Salmon Brook Street.
- Approved a special permit to construct a freestanding sign for 6 Hartford Avenue, aka Food Bag.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer Barbaraiean C. Scibelli **Animal Control Officer** Jennifer Abalan Assessor Susan J. Altieri Building Official/Zoning **Enforcement Officer** William R. Volovski Chief of Police Carl G. Rosensweig Collector of Revenue Lauren C. Stuck Director of Community Development Francis G. Armentano Director of Health Richard H. Matheny, Jr. Director of Human Services KerryAnn O. Kielbasa Director of Library Services Joan M. Fox Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Thomas J. Tyburski Fire Chief John E. Horr, Jr. Fire Marshal Joseph R. Killen Director of Public Works James R. Klase Town Clerk Karen I. Hazen Town Engineer Kevin W. Clark Town Manager William F. Smith, Jr. Treasurer Roger A. Hernsdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen

John E. Adams, Chairman Ronald F. Desrosiers Sally S. King B. Scott Kuhnly Mark C. Neumann

Board of Finance

Michael B. Guarco, Jr., Chairman Gordon C. Bischoff Francis J. Brady Robert F. Clark Frederick A. Moffa, OD Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education

James C. Heminway, Jr., Chairman Jenny Emery Lynn Guelzow John P. O'Connor Edward E. Ohannessian Rosemarie T. Weber Matthew T. Wutka

Planning & Zoning Commission

Paula H. Johnson, Chairman Margaret A. Chapple Charles O. Kraiza Paul R. Lambert Eric Lukingbeal James R. Sansone Linda C. Spevacek

Town Moderator Jason Bogli

Zoning Board of Appeals

Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman Ann Crimmins Judy A. Goff William L. Percival Kelly O. Rome

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Robert M. Lindeyer Dianne M. Maher Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals

Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman Celia Eggert James R. Sansone

Registrar of Voters

Maureen F. Wolf Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate

Cynthia C. Becker

State Representative

William J. Simanski, 62nd District

State Senator

John A. Kissel, 7th District Kevin D. Witkos, 8th District

United States Representative

John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators

Richard M. Blumenthal Joseph I. Lieberman

APPOINTED BOARDS

Agricultural Commission

Michelle A. Niedermeyer, Chairman Katherine B. Bogli Don H. Butler Stanley A. Hayes Stephen Hayes Lois H. Neumann Anne F. Wilhelm

Commission on Aging

Peter E. Barwick, Chairman George L. Bronsord, Jr. Helen N. Decher Joanne R. Desrosiers Karen H. Hood Neil W. Kraner Incy S. Muir Bruce W. Sullivan John H. Vanderbilt

Conservation Commission

Neil J. Hornish, Chairman Susan F. Dwyer Carolyn R. Flint Anna K. Sogliuzzo

Development Commission

Bruce E. Murtha, Chairman Edward Guarco John J. Krug Kenneth O. Kuhl Robert J. Rome Martin F. Schwager

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

David W. Tolli, Chairman Wayne J. Cahoon Neil W. Kraner Aurelle S. Locke Craig W. Perry Deborah A. Sheahan Richard J. Van Nostrand

Library Board

Lynn G. Lochhead, Chairman Shawn E. Ball Carol Y. Bressor Robert P. Donna Judy A. Goff Judith A. Guarco Patricia M. Jones Richard J. Lydon Jennifer N. Pizzanello

Park & Recreation Board

Edward N. Allen, Chairman Jennifer P. Bilodeau L. Squire Bressor Wayne E. Chapple Brigid R. Gunn Kathy D. Ungerleider Suzanne L. Yucha

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	860-844-5335	
Assessor*	860-844-5311	
Building Official*	860-844-5318	
Community Development*	860-844-5318	
Cossitt Library Branch	860-653-8958	Tuesday10:00 a.m12:00 noon 3:00 p.m8:00 p.m.
		Thursday10:00 a.m12:00 noon
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		Saturday12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
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Granby Office	860-653-5514	Weekdays 8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
Granby Public Library	860-844-5275	Mon. & Wed12:00 noon-8:00 p.m.
Children's Room	860-844-5284	Tues. & Thurs 9:00 a.m6:00 p.m.
		Fri. & Sat 9:00 a.m1:00 p.m.
		Sun. (JanMar.)1:00 p.m4:00 p.m.
Granby Senior Center	860-844-5352	, , ,
Landfill Hours		Saturday 8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
Police Department	860-844-5335	
POLICE EMERGENCY	911	
Probate Court	860-658-3277	Simsbury Regional Probate District
		Mon Fri 8:30 a.m4:30 p.m.
Public Works Facility		Weekdays8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
Recreation Office	860-844-5356	
Park Bathhouse	860-653-0173	Summer
Registrar of Voters	860-844-5300	Wed9:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
Social Services	860-844-5351	
Superintendent of Schools		Weekdays8:00 a.m4:00 p.m.
Kearns School		
Kelly Lane School		
Wells Road School		
Middle School		
High School		
Tax Collector*		
Town Clerk*		
Town Engineer		
Town Manager*	860-844-5300	

^{*} Town Hall Offices are open Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or by appointment

MEETING TIMES

Agricultural Commission Second Wednesday
Board of Education First and Third Wednesday7:00 p.m. Board of Education Central Office*
Board of Finance Fourth Monday7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Selectmen First and Third Monday7:30 p.m. Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals During the Month of March
Commission on Aging Second Monday1:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Conservation Commission First and Third Thursday7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission Second Monday
Granby Library Board Second Monday7:00 p.m. Granby Public Library/Cossitt Library
Granby Prevention Council First Monday6:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission Second Wednesday7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Park & Recreation Board First Tuesday7:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Planning & Zoning Commission Second and Fourth Tuesday
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board Second Wednesday4:00 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals Third Tuesday7:30 p.m. Town Hall
*Call BOE for possible changes

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As required by Town Charter, the 2010-2011 Annual Report and 2012 Calendar of Events has been prepared by the Town Manager. The 2011 Report was designed and edited by Barbarajean C. Scibelli, Administration Finance Officer, Patricia I. Chieski, Executive Secretary to the Town Manager, and Susan B. Christian, Administrative Assistant.
Cover design highlights The Democracy Cup, which was presented to the Town of Granby Registrar of Voters on December 21, 2010 by Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz. This Cup was awarded based on having, in the category of "mid-sized" towns, the highest turnout percentage of registered voters on Election Day.
The Democrary Cup is co-sponsored by the State of Connecticut, Secretary of State's office and the East Haddam Civic Association and was created in 2000 as a way to encourage voter participation in each year's elections.

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